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1. Of the 1,420 concerns originally impounded by the Russians, 417 have been re-turned to their former owners and the remaining 1,003 expropriated by order of the SMA, Karlshorst. Of these latter, some 400 have been taken over as State concerns by the Administration of Thuringia. They are mostly large firms of more than purely local importance. Examples are afforded by Edward Lingel A.G. and Dr. Diehl, the big Erfurt shoe factories. A further 400, mostly smaller concerns, have become the property of Kreis and Gemeinde administrations. The balance, i.e., some 200 firms, important heavy industrial and metal-working concerns, have been converted into a Soviet State "joint-stock company".

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2. the entire potash industry, the Eisenwerk-Gesellschaft Maximilianshütte, Unterwellenborn-Roblitz, and Unterwellenborn and Göschwitz, Saale cement works (the latter formerly part of the OMZ Group) are among the concerns taken over by the Russians. It is also said that various factories of the Flick concern such as the Riesa plant, Mitteldutsche Stahlwerke A.G., Leuchhammerwerk, have become Russian property. The same applies to the Maschinenfabrik machine factory in Magdeburg.
3. Dismantled factories and other installations in Saxony and Thuringia include the following:

Hohenwarthe Power Station ("Saalestalsperre") (sic)
Leo Gobr., Gera
Mitteldutsche Stahlwerke A.G., Leuchhammerwerk, Leuchhammer
Reichardt (sic), Leipzig
Rudolf Sack, Leipzig
Pittler Werkzeugmaschinenfabrik A.G., Leipzig

4. Reconstruction activities are hampered by the lack of machinery required in the building trade. Apart from the loss of machinery as a result of the war and removal by the Russians, a number of factories engaged in the construction of mechanical building equipment have been dismantled, e.g.:

Richard Baumbach, Gölitz
Röscher, Gölitz
Kuhnert-Turckwerke A.G., Meissen

The three firms listed above are specialists on the construction of brick works machinery.

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Gubener Zementformen und Maschinenfabrik Wolf & Co., GubenDr. Gaspary & Co. A.G., MarkranstadtMaschinenfabrik Meuselwitz (formerly property of Sauckel-Werke) (sic)

The three firms listed above are main suppliers to the concrete industry.

R. Wolf, Magdeburg-BuckauBleichert Transportanlagen GmbH, LeipzigG.F. Lieder GmbH, WurzenCurt Rudolf, LeipzigRobert Wacker (sic), Dresden (shakers and mixers)Weise Söhne, Halle (turbine pumps)Netzschaner Maschinenfabrik Franz Stark & Söhne, Netzschan (ventilators)Linnhoff, Berlin (mixers)R. Dolberg, Berlin (excavators and mixers)

There are at present no firms operating in the Russian Zone capable of producing pumps and ventilators on any appreciable scale.

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